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1. A conference held at the Volkswerft (Nationalized Shipyard) Stralsund in late February 1953, decided that effective immediately, the [REDACTED] type KS boats (coast protection vessels) be given the type designation of Habicht. On 21 March 1953, KS boat [REDACTED] lay alongside the quay of the Volkswerft to complete interior fitting. [REDACTED] were being assembled in line, and [REDACTED] was assembled in workshop VI. Components of other KS boats were made at the various sections of workshop VI.

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2. On 21 March 1953, three drifters [REDACTED] and one trawler were on the assembly line. Three SPERLING-type buoy tenders, 16 to 18 meters long and powered by a Diesel engine, were scheduled to be built at the apprentices' combine of the Volkswerft in 1953.

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3. The Volkswerft received only a poor supply of materials and was particularly short of screws, seamless tubes, profile iron and thin sheet. The thin sheet received, which came from the U.S.S.R., the rolling mill in Brandenburg and from Hettstedt, was of poor quality. On 21 March 1953, five or six large piles of thin sheet, which could not be processed because of differences in thickness, were seen on the premises of the Volkswerft.

4. Workshop VII was nearing completion. On 21 March 1953, the tracers started working there. The construction of two new workshops, each 30 by 40 meters, was started seaward of workshop hall VI. [REDACTED] for what section these workshops were planned.

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